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SUBJECT: DETERIORATION OF SUBSISTENCE BASE IN ARID ZONES

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1. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT IN EXCHANGE OF SPEECHES AT RECEPTION JUNE 20 FOR EC COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI, PRESIDENT DIORI AGAIN CALLED FOR " A MARCHALL PLAN FOR THE SUDANO- SAHELIAN REGION," A FORMULY HE FIRST USED IN JUNE 15 INTERVIEW WITH FRENCH TV REPORTER, MICHEL BADAIRE. RELEVANT PASSAGE OF DIORI' S REMARKS WAS FOLLOWING: QTE. A FEW DAYS AGO, BEFORE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESS, I INVOKED THE POSSIBILITY OF MOUNTING, ON THE SCALE OF THE WHOLE SUDANO- SAHELIAN REGION, A SORT OF MARSHALL PLAN WHICH, BY DINT OF A MASSIVE EFFORT ON THE PART OF EUROPE, AND THROUGH BOTH THE TECHNICAL STUDIES OF EXPERTS AND THE GUARANTEE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A VAST LOAN ON THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL MARKET, THE ECONOMIC TAKE-OFF OF THE AFFECTED REGION WOULD BE MADE POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FROM THE ROLE OF THE RECEIVERS OF AID WHICH WE STILL ARE TO THAT OF ASSOCIATES IN THE FULL MEANING OF THE TERM, ASSOCIATES WHICH WE HAVE THE FIRM WILL OF BECOMING. UNQTE.

2. IN HIS RESPONSE TO THIS SPECIFIC PASSAGE ORTOLI SAID:
QTE. YOU HAVE LAUNCHED THE IDEA OF A VAST LOAN EXTENDED TO ALL THE STATES OF THE SUDANO- SAHELIAN ZONE, A LOAN GUARANTEED BY EUROPE. THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD PERMIT IT TO ANTICIPATE AND AVOID CATASTROPHES SUCH AS THE ONE YOU ARE EXPERIENCING TODAY. UNQTE. ORTOLI DID NOT, HOWEVER, REPEAT THE QTE MARSHALL PLAN UNQTE FORMULY.

3. IN COURSE OF SAME SPEECH, PRESIDENT DIORI ALSO EXPRESSED QTE KEEN HOPE UNQTE THAT NEW AND ENLARGED EEC- AFRICAN ASSOCIATION QTE WILL SOON BE JOINED BY CERTAIN OF OUR ANGLOPHONE NEIGHBORS UNQTE.
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